

(a) all or a portion of sequence SEQ ID NO:3 or a variant thereof; or

(b) a sequence hybridising with all or part of the complementary strand of sequence

SEQ ID NO:3.

2. (Amended) A nucleic acid according to claim 1, <sup>wherein</sup> ~~characterized in that~~ it comprises

all or a portion of sequence SEQ ID NO:3.

19. (Amended) A nucleic acid comprising all or a portion of sequence SEQ ID

NO:4.--